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## WARDEN MESSAGE – DEMONSTRATION IN KOSOVO FEBRUARY 10, 2010

The political movement "Self-Determination!" (in Albanian, "Lëvizja VETËVENDOSJE!") has announced that it will stage activities in the Pristina city center, tomorrow, Wednesday, February 10th, beginning at noon (1200 hours).

U.S. citizens are advised to adjust their travel plans to avoid this area from 1200 hours to 1800 hours. According to local press reports, the activities will take place in the center of Pristina, starting at noon (1200 hours) in the Arbëria neighborhood, then moving to Mother Theresa Street, Cinema ABC, and ending at the Pristina Sports Center at 1800 hours.

Demonstrations take place in Kosovo from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the <u>U.S. Embassy's website</u> and the <u>U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review <u>"A Safe Trip Abroad"</u>, which can be found on the Department's Consular Affairs website and includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the <u>State Department's travel registration website</u>. <u>U.S. Embassy Pristina</u> is located at 30 Nazim Hikmet St. in the Arberia/Dragodan area of Pristina. The telephone number is (381) 38-5959-3000. You may also contact the consular section of Embassy Pristina via <u>e-mail</u>.